GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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ADOPTION OF DESTITUTE CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sharp decline in the adoption of destitute children in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the adoption rate during last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether the Government have set any target for adoption of destitute children; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a)&(b) As per records available in the Ministry there was a slight fall in number of children adopted from 3152 in 1998 to 2851 in 1999. This was primarily due to the fact that the recognition of two agencies in Andhra Pradesh which were active in facilitating adoptions was cancelled.

(c) As per information available with the Ministry, the number of adoption for the last three years is as under:

Year	In Country adoptions	Inter Country adoptions	Total
1997	1330	1026	2356
1998	1746	1406	3152
1999	1558	1293	2851
Total	4634	3725	8359

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.